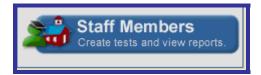




Create a District Test Draft: Normal Option

Section 1: Login into Achievement Series

- 1. Open an Internet browser, such as Windows Explorer.
- 2. Go to http://www.achievementseries.com/
- 3. Click the Staff Members button.



4. Enter your Site ID, Staff ID and Password.

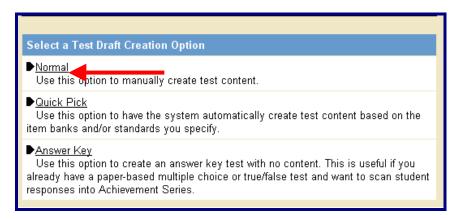
Then click Login.



Section 2: Create the Test: Normal Option

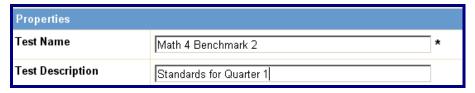
Normal test creation involves manually selecting items from available Item Banks. Prior to setting up a test, determine if any Extended Response items are included on the test and if so, the test must be setup for *Plain Paper Scanner Forms* only. Extended Response items are not support for online testing or for Scantron OMR's.

- 1. At the Achievement Series Home Page, select **Tests**.
- 2. In the Test Drafts section, click Create.
- 3. Select the **Normal** test option.

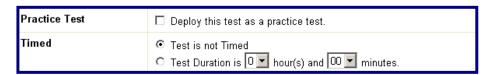


4. Create the Test Draft: Step 1 of 3

- A. Enter a **Test Name**. *Example*: Math 4 Benchmark 1 2005
- B. (Optional) Enter a **Test Description**.



- C. Setup options for Online Tests: Practice Test and/or Timed Test. *
 - Practice Tests provide Correct Answers, Hints & Explanations in real time.
 - Timed Tests can be setup based on specific hours and/or minutes.



^{*}Not applicable to tests containing Extended Response items

D. Setup the **Test Retake** option.

If you allow the test to be retaken, you must also establish the number of re-takes permitted, up to unlimited times. Inform Students that if they retake the test, the most recent test results will *overwrite* the *prior* results recorded.

E. Select Delivery Method(s).

Choose Scanner Forms and/or Web Testing as the test delivery method(s).

IMPORTANT: If the test will contain Extended Response (ER) items, it must be setup as a Scanner Forms test. Web Testing is not supported for ER items.

F. (Optional) Enter an Authorized Grade Range.

This option restricts the test to students enrolled in the grades specified.

Note: If necessary, a Student's record can be modified by a Location Controller to permit him/her to take tests created for any grade.

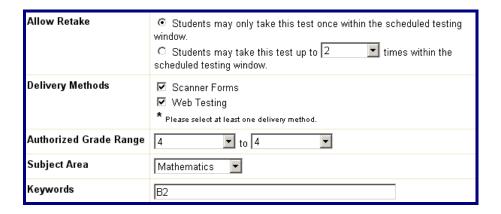
G. (Optional) Select a Subject Area.

This search option facilitates locating tests tagged with a specific Subject.

H. (Optional) Setup **Keyword(s)** for the Test Draft.

This search option facilitates locating tests tagged with specific *Keywords*.

I. Click **Next** to advance to Step 2.



5. Create the Test Draft: Step 2 of 3

Important: Read the following information before proceeding.

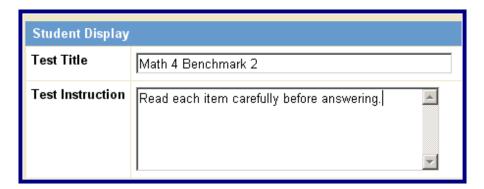
If the test is being setup for Scanner Forms delivery *only*, a requirement when the test includes Extended Response items, then only Test Title, Test Instructions and Proctor Instructions will appear in Step 2 of 3.

If the test is being setup with Web Testing as a delivery method, then in addition to Test Title, Test Instructions and Proctor Instructions the following online options will be available in Step 2 of 3: Online Testing Options & Client Options.

A. Test Title and Test Instructions.

- If Scanner Forms is the delivery method, Test Title and Test Instructions will print on the Student Test Forms.
- If the delivery method is Web Testing, then Test Title and Test Instructions appear on the computer when the Student logs in to take the online test.

Note: Consider the delivery method (s) when setting up the Test Instructions.



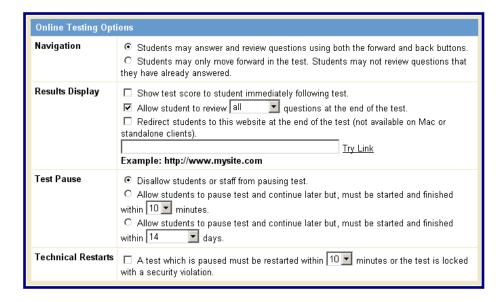
B. Setup **Online Testing Options** for the Web-based test.

Navigation – Forward & Backward or Forward Only

Results Display – Setup options for Display Scores & Review Questions

Test Pause - Setup Disallow Pause or Allow Pause and Continue.

Technical Restarts – Applies only if a Test Pause is permitted.



C. (Optional) Setup Client Options if the test will be administered online.

Client Options apply only for online testing. Do not modify the default client settings for Resolution, Color Depth and Formatting unless you are advised to do so after contacting Scantron Technical Support.



D. (Optional) Enter Proctor Instructions.

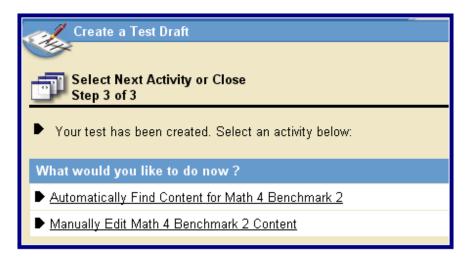
Proctor Instructions, when added, appear on the Test Details Report.



E. When you have finished with the screen, click **Save** to continue.

6. Create the Test Draft: Step 3 of 3

Select **Automatically Find Content** to pull items from Item Banks.



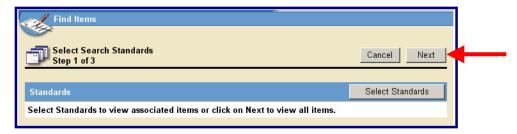
Section 3: Find Items - Search based on specific Standards

Please read before continuing.

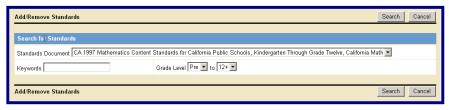
If you do *not* want to restrict the search for items based on specific Standards, then skip this section and go directly to Section 4 to find items based on other search criteria. If you are searching Skills Connection Item Banks, you may want to follow these steps.

To search for items attached to specific Standards in your Item Banks, complete this section.

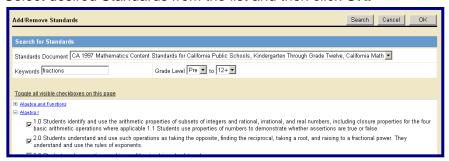
1. Click Select Standards.



- Click Add Standards.
- 3. At the Add/Remove Standards screen, setup the Standards search criteria:
 - a. Select the Standards Document.
 - b. (Optional) Enter **Keywords** to further refine the search for *Standards*. Keywords must represent exact text from the Standards document.
 - c. Click Search.



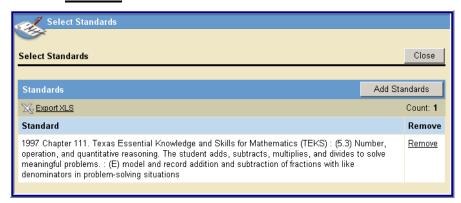
4. Select desired Standards from the list and then click **OK**.



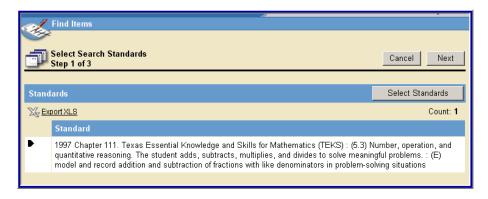
5. Review the Standards. If you are satisfied with the selection, click **Close.**

Additional Options:

- Select Add Standards to search for more skills.
- Click <u>Remove</u> to delete a skill.



6. At the next screen, do a final review of the standards and then click Next.

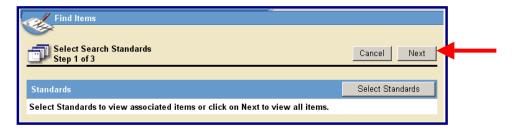


7. Proceed to Section 4 on page 8 to setup additional item search criteria.

Section 4: Find Items - Do not Search for Items based on Standards

1. Step 1 of 3: Find Items

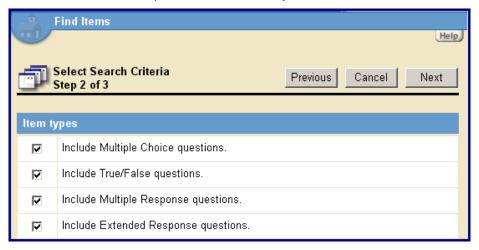
Click **Next** to begin the search for test items..



2. Step 2 of 3: Find Items

A. Select Item Types.

NOTE: Extended Response items are only available for Scanner Forms.



B. Optional: Enter **Item Properties** that were setup during item creation.

SPECIAL NOTE to Skills Connection Item Bank Users:

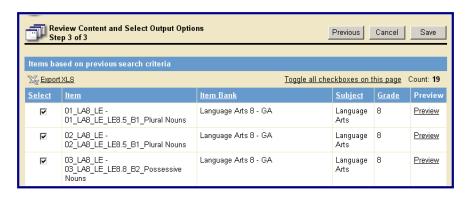
Enter a grade range that is 2 grades lower and 2 higher the grade being tested.



C. Select the Item Banks containing the items and click Next.



D. Check the boxes next to desired item and then click Save.

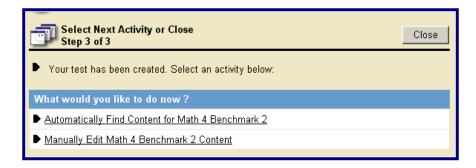


3. Step 3 of 3: Select Next Activity or Close

Click **Close** to exit and view your Test Draft. .

Additional Options:

- Select **Automatically Find Content** to add more items.
- Click <u>Manually Edit Content</u> to add test items that are not in Item Banks. Items that are setup manually are 'floating items' unique only to this test.



Section 5: Review the Test Draft

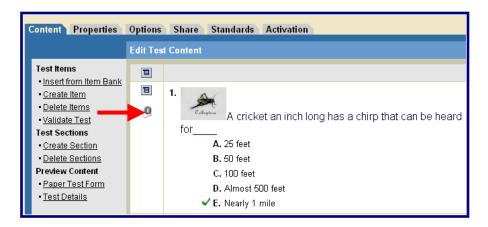
- 1. At the Home Page, select **Tests.**
- 2. List the Test Drafts.
- 3. Locate the Test Draft and click its name to open it.
- 4. On the **Content** tab, review the Test Draft items.

Note: Extended Response items will have a "lock" symbol next to each to indicate they will not scramble if multiple versions of a test are created.

- 5. Verify that a **Standard(s)** is attached to each item, if applicable.
 - Q: How will I know if a Standard is attached to an item?
 - A: To the left of an item with *no* Standard attached is an "open circle" symbol. If the item *has* a Standard(s) attached, the symbol is a Green Checkmark.

If an item has no Standard(s) attached, you can attach the Standard within the Draft; however, the Standard will not simultaneously attach to the 'mother' item in the Item Bank. It is highly recommended that you attach Standards to items within the Item Bank only for a permanent association.

If you decide to attach a Standard to the item in the Test Draft only, then click the "open circle" symbol and attach appropriate Standard(s).



6. Click Paper Test Form to print the Test Draft.

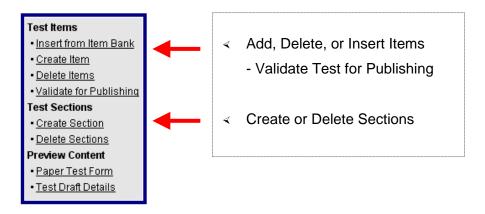
Click **Test Draft Details** to view comprehensive Test Draft information.

Tip! It is recommended that a staff member take the test prior to administering it to the students as a final proofing measure.



7. (Optional) Modify the Test Draft if necessary.

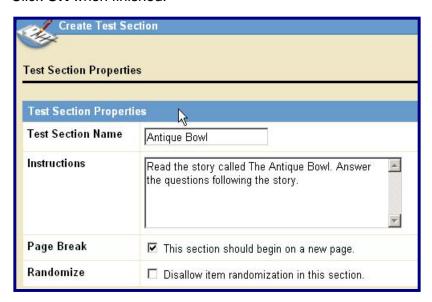
For instructions on inserting Test Sections, go to Section 6.



Section 6: Create a Test Section

Sections are created to isolate items from others on the test. Items in different sections of a test will not intermix when the test is scrambled to create multiple versions. Also you can elect not to randomize items in a section and/or to start a section on the next page.

- 1. When the Test Draft opens, click **Create Section** on the **Content** tab.
- 2. Enter the Test Section Name.
- 3. (Optional) Enter **Section Instructions** to display on the test.
- 4. (Optional) Select **Page Break** to begin the section on a new page.
- 5. (Optional) Select **Disallow item randomization** in the section.
- 6. Click **OK** when finished.



7. After setting up the Section, you are returned to the Test Draft Content page. The Test Section created will be located the end of the Test Draft.

Add items to the Section by selecting **Insert from Item Bank**.

8. Edit a Section by clicking the 'gray edit box' to the left of the section.

Tip! Sections can be strategically positioned throughout the test as needed by hovering over the 'gray edit box' and selecting the desired setup option.